

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace Paragraph [0007] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

**[0007]** In alternate preferred embodiments of the present invention, an electrically conductive contact element for a PEM fuel cell is contemplated. The element comprises a first sheet having a first contact surface overlaid with an electrically conductive adhesive primer coating and a second sheet having a second contact surface overlaid with the electrically conductive adhesive primer coating. One ~~of~~ or more bond regions join the first contact surface and the second contact surface. The bond regions have an electrical resistance of less than 5 mohm-cm<sup>2</sup> after 500 hours of operation in fuel cell operating conditions.